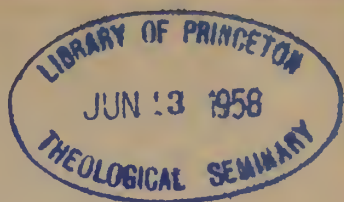


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PROGRESS IN AFRICA.*

The powerful interest which has been awakened in Africa during the last decade, and which has turned to her the attention and desires of the whole civilized world, remains undiminished and unchanged. The eagerness with which the great Powers reach forth to possess themselves of her territory continues: exploration and commercial enterprise were never more active; the building of railroads and the development of her natural resources go on steadily, and Christianity and civilization are pressing forward.

GOVERNMENTAL ANNEXATION.

Another State has been added to the nations controlling the destinies of the "Dark Continent." It is to be known as "The British East African Company," and to it has been granted by Great Britain full powers to levy customs and taxes, and to maintain an armed force and assert authority throughout a vast area. The exact delimitation of the territory of the new State has not been fixed, but, generally speaking, it extends from a point northward of the region claimed by the German East African Society near Zanzibar, to the Somali country and westwards to lake Albert Nyanza. Within this wide range is much of the finest land in Central Africa, and in many places it is filled with industrious populations. Around the shores of the Victoria Nyanza alone there are said to be 12,000,000 people, whilst the other central lakes are also surrounded by numerous tribes. The affairs of the New State are to be managed by the East African Company, composed of commercial and philanthropic gentlemen in London, but these executive acts will be subject to revision and control by the British Colonial or Foreign office.

* Thanks are cordially tendered to the *Missionary Herald* of Boston; *Church at Home and Abroad* of Philadelphia; *Interior* of Chicago; *African Times* of London, and *L' Afrique* of Geneva, for matter freely used in this paper.

Great Britain has long owned territory within the confines of the Sultan of Zanzibar, and has exercised protectorate rights over a large portion of that part. In consequence of an arrangement with Zanzibar, the German Society already mentioned were enabled to take over the government of some 123,000 square miles, consisting of Usagora and Wituland, with a considerable extent of seaboard. This new territory is under the protectorate of the German Empire, and the Society to whom it has delegated authority over this district have full power to carry on the government.

A treaty of peace and friendship has been concluded between England and Lobengula, king of the Matabele, whose country lies west of Umzila's. Lobengula pledges himself to make every effort for a strict observance of the treaty with any foreign power, and to cede no land without first obtaining the sanction of the British high commissioner for Africa. At his request the South African Republic has appointed a consul to reside in the Matabele country. Travelers from the Republic, whatever their object, must get a permit from their government and send their names to the consul at Lobengula's capital. The African king asks these things in order to prevent the invasion of adventurers, and to advertise those who come without the required permit that they do so at their own risk. Differences which may arise, whether with the natives or with others from the Republic, are to be brought before the consul.

In South Africa the two countries called the "South African Republic," formerly the "Transvaal," and the "New Republic" have negotiated a treaty by the terms of which they form themselves into one State. The New Republic joins itself to the South African Republic and its territory becomes an integral part of the latter. It is to be incorporated under the name of the District of Vryheid, and its representatives at the Volksraad will be appointed as they are in the districts of the Transvaal. This "New Republic" is a section of about sixteen hundred square miles between Natal, the Transvaal and St. Lucia Bay.

The British government has "annexed" that part of the Gold Coast which lies between Cape Coast Castle and the delta of the Niger. It will be governed as a Crown colony, with its own executive and chief. The region is washed by the waters of the Bight of Benin, and is intersected by several streams, which give access to the palm oil districts. These are not limited to the immediately adjacent states of Dahomey and Yoruba, but from the far interior the one article of export is brought down to the native intermediaries who traffic direct with the foreign merchants. The whole district has hitherto been

under the protectorate of England, exercised through the consular authorities of Cape Coast Castle.

In consequence of the amount of sickness and consequent invalidings from the ships stationed on the west coast of Africa, the British Board of Admiralty has decided upon employing a new type of ship in those latitudes. The new vessels must be of light draught to navigate the tortuous courses of the coast rivers, and at the same time possess considerable speed.

The rapidity with which France has lately been acquiring territory in the northwest portion of Central Africa is, perhaps, not generally appreciated. As the result of treaties and of recent little "military operations," France is now either suzerain or "protector" of the territories lying between the Senegal river, the Niger, and Sierra Leone, with the exception of the lower valleys of the Gambia and the Rio Grande, which belong to England and to Portugal respectively. French desire for territory in this portion of Africa dates from several years ago, when M. Duponchel, a daring engineer, proposed that a railway should be constructed across the Sahara from Algeria to Timbuctoo. An expedition was dispatched to survey the route; but as it ended in the massacre of some of his party, it was understood that the time for the trans-Saharan railway had not yet come. Attention was then turned to the possibility of attaining the French ideal by way of the region of the Senegal; and Colonel Gallieni was sent thither at the head of a small expedition, charged with the task of increasing French influence and adding to French territory. One of the most formidable adversaries with whom he had to deal was the marabout Mahmadou Lamine, who for some time gave much trouble; but the latest news from the expedition is that the marabout has been killed and his men dispersed. The result of Colonel Gallieni's campaign—a campaign which has been conducted very quietly—is that the extent of territory under French protectorate has been doubled. It is expected that Gallic influence will shortly be increased in the Fouta Djallon, a State lying between the Gambia and the coast of Guinea, which has for some years been under the more or less nominal protectorate of France. The success of a mission sent to that State has already assured an increase of trade to the French establishments on the Upper Niger. Colonel Gallieni has built a fort at Siguiri, the confluent of the Niger and the Tenkisso, in the heart of the Soudanese gold country. It has been placed in direct telegraphic communication with Paris, and a railway towards the coast is in course of construction. It is not to be supposed that France will now be content to abandon the dream of extending her dominion from the Niger

to the Mediterranean. The Sahara has lost much of its terror and its mystery; and by means of a series of artesian wells it may be possible to overcome all difficulties connected with the supply of water, and to construct a line of railway across the desert from the Senegal or the Niger to Algiers.

An arrangement has been concluded at Berlin between Germany and France for the introduction of a uniform customs system in their respective possessions on the slave coast. By the terms of this arrangement the German and French possessions in that region are to form one common customs territory, and spirituous liquors, tobacco, gunpowder and rifles are to be subjected to import duties at the following rates:—Gin having an alcoholic strength of 40 per cent. (Tralles's scale) 3.84d., up to 60 per cent. 5.76d., and above 60 per cent. 9.60d. Rum, according to the same scale, 0.19d., 1.28d., and 0.48d. respectively. Gunpowder per 100 pounds (English weight), 2s. 6d. Tobacco, per kilogramme, 1.20d.; rifles, 6d. each. The payments may be made in German, English or French currency. Beyond these duties no transit or internal customs are to be levied, so that goods for which duty has been paid on the territory of the one nation may be imported into the territory of the other without a fresh duty being charged. Any articles not enumerated above are duty-free. The arrangement has been concluded for a period of two years, from August 1, simultaneously in the German and French territories. It is explained that the rules have been fixed for the present at a low figure in order not to weigh too heavily upon those trades which are still in their infancy. A proposal made by Germany to impose a higher duty on liquors was rejected by France.

An expedition of land and sea forces has taken military occupation in the name of the King of Portugal of a tract of land north of Loando and Ambriz, in the neighborhood of parallel 7 degrees south, and known as Ambrizette. The *Movement Geographique* reports that the queen of the Amatonga has recognized the sovereignty of Portugal over the territory claimed by the latter, so that the rights of Portugal are thus admitted to the whole bay of Lorenzo Marques.

The Italian campaign in Abyssinia promises soon to come to a satisfactory ending, if, indeed, it has not already done so. For some weeks fighting has been in progress, and though it has been of a guerilla sort the general result has been to convince the Abyssinians of the futility of further opposition. The complete collapse of the expedition, however, is doubtless due to the paucity of supplies, especially of water, and the consequent demoralization in camp, famine and desertion being potent factors in the dissipation of a barbarian host. In any event

the King has been compelled to negotiate for peace, and although he has thus far refused the conditions imposed by the Italians, it is probable that the demoralization of his forces will induce him finally to accept them. These conditions are an acknowledgment of the Italian coast occupation, apology for the attack at Sahati and a treaty of amity and commerce. The whole affair thus ends without a pitched battle and without unnecessary humiliation to Abyssinia, to which, it is said, Italy may grant freedom of transit for her trade through Massowah to the sea, in return for the reparation demanded. Should this be done, both belligerents may be congratulated on the conclusion of peace, the Abyssinian monarchy preserving its organization, certain to be broken by an Italian invasion, and Italy left free to recall a force the absence of which might seriously cripple it as a military power.

After what *The London Times* calls the "scramble for Africa," which has been going on for years, only about four and one-half millions of the eleven millions of square miles in Africa remain unattached to some European power. Of these unattached portions more than half lie within the desert of Sahara. France has about 700,000 square miles; Germany 740,000 square miles, to which should be added, if various disputed claims were admitted, another 200,000 England's possessions and "sphere of influence," not including Egypt, are set down at about 1,000,000 square miles.

EXPLORATIONS.

THE *Movement Geographique* contains an account of explorations on the Ubangi (or Mobangi) river, the northern affluent of the Congo, made by two Belgian officers, Captain Van Gele and Lieutenant Lienert. The steamer of these Belgians, the *En Avant*, was capable of being taken to pieces and carried overland. Leaving Equator station on the Congo, the explorers passed, after entering the Ubangi, six rapids, between which were navigable stretches of the river. At the last of these rapids the river is three thousand feet wide with an average depth of eighteen feet. The country is spoken of as both fertile and picturesque. The inhabitants were kindly disposed until the travelers reached Bangasso, at which point the natives became hostile. The explorers lost two of their company in an attack, and later they were assaulted both by land and by water, having reached a point a little short of twenty-two degrees east longitude, which is said to be within one degree of the place reached by Junker upon the Welle river. Here the travelers were driven back by the difficulties which met them, especially the hostility of the natives. It seemed a

pity that they were not able to traverse this short distance necessary to settle the problem relating to the Ubangi and the Welle rivers, although it may now be regarded as practically solved.

Only meagre accounts have yet come to hand of the complete ascent of Kilimanjaro, the loftiest peak in Africa, by Dr. A. Meyer, of Leipsig, but there is no question of the important achievement. This grand mountain was discovered by the missionary Rebmann, in 1848, and in the following year his colleague, Kraf, discovered its snow-covered companion, Kenia. In 1862 Van der Decken attempted to ascend Kilimanjaro, but succeeded only in reaching a height of 14,000 feet. In 1871 Rev. Charles New ascended as far as the snow line, and in 1884 Mr. H. H. Johnston reached a height of 16,000 feet. Dr. Meyer took six days to reach the summit of the crater of Kibo. On the first day he reached the forest limit, on the second Johnston's camp, on the third, passing over extensive grass meadows, he attained the snow line; and here, his native companions deserted him. On the fourth day, through broken up blocks of lava, Dr. Meyer reached the foot of the crater, and the edge of the crater itself on the fifth day. This he found to be thickly glaciated, as also the region which lies between Kibo, and its lower companion summit, Kimawezi. The sixth day Dr. Meyer spent in taking photographs and making collections around Kibo, and he spent several days lower down at the snow limit for a similar purpose. He estimates the height of the Kibo summit at close on 20,000 feet, considerably higher than the estimates of Mr. Johnston.

Dr. Casalis, from among the Bassutos, writes to his father, describing a visit to a remarkable waterfall: "The river has cut itself a bed 300 feet lower than the rest of the plateau, before arriving at a narrow gorge surrounded by frightful precipices, and there makes a perpendicular leap of 620 feet. I do not feel myself capable of describing this wonder of nature. I have seen Niagara; I have visited the Staubbach, the Reichenbach, the Glessbach, etc., and nevertheless I have found the Maletsunyane more overpowering still. The gorges are something extraordinary, rising perpendicular almost 900 feet, like a titanic wall of a reddish granite veined with white quartz. Here again rises a tower of more than 5,600 feet."

Herr Gottlob Adolf Krause has returned from his travels in Africa, which have lasted two years, during which time he explored districts hitherto unvisited by Europeans. He has brought home with him a new fever remedy which he declares to have proved efficacious when quinine failed. Dr. Zintgraff, the African traveler, is at lake Elephant, experimenting with the planting of tobacco and

rice (from Monrovia), and making excursions for weeks at a time to the surrounding districts. The departure from the Cameroons to lake Elephant was in two parties. One of these, under Lieut. Zeuner, boated up the Mungo in a large Cameroon canoe with thirty rowers; the other, under Dr. Zintgraff, marched from Rio del Rey, otherwise Mene river, in a north-easterly direction as far as the waterfalls near Akumbi Naene, which are 125 metres broad and twenty-five metres in height, and the small falls near Dianga, through a district which has already been partially explored by the Swedish travelers, Kurtson and Valdau. The army of African travelers has been increased by the accession of Dr. Gustav Mangold, a youthful *savant* of Kiel. Dr. Mangold was born in Sommerda, and studied in Berlin, Munich, and Kiel. He will entertain relations with the East African Society but, being a man of means, will conduct his expeditions largely at his own expense. Captain Becker has started from Brussels for the Congo, to take possession of and explore the unknown northern and eastern regions of the Congo State. The *Vossische Zeitung*, referring to the intended exploration of the Togo territory, in West Africa, by the German Government, states that two expeditions are to be despatched thither, one under the command of Dr. Wolff, a medical officer in the Saxon Army, and another under the direction of Lieutenant von Francis. The two expeditions will carry on their researches independently of each other.

STANLEY AND EMIN.

Wadelai, the stronghold and seat of government of Emin Bey, is at the present time the center around which the chief interest in equatorial Africa revolves. Till quite recently Emin was unknown to fame, although since 1878, when he was appointed to his present post by General Gordon, he has held the key of the slave district of Upper Egypt with signal success and ability. Only a few scientists and officials, however, knew anything of the details of the desperate and deadly struggle for liberty and civilization which he has carried on single handed as Gordon's heir, in the very heart of African barbarism, since the fall of Khartoum and the tragic death of his illustrious friend and patron. Public attention was first drawn to Emin and his splendid efforts in the cause of humanity among the Lake tribes of the "Dark Continent" by the dispatch of the relief expedition in February, 1887, under Mr. Henry M. Stanley, who, a few days before he left England, thus described his mission in a farewell speech at the Mansion House: "I am preparing a new expedition into the center of Africa for the relief of an Egyptian official who is at present in

somewhat straitened circumstances, and environed by breadths of unknown territories, populated by savage tribes. I go to relieve an officer who may be called the last white chief of the Soudan. Years ago Gordon sent him and his officers and their families up towards the sources of the Nile, and then came that terrible catastrophe which cleared out the heart of the Soudan, and wiped out all traces of civilization, and barred the way to return. His ammunition was spent, and between himself and the sea on either hand there were hosts of savages. We propose crossing the mainland, striking inland, and we shall not return till we have reached Emin, or perished in the attempt."

Trying to find Emin, Mr. Stanley ascended the Congo and the Aruwimi, one of its branches. Disinterested and competent judges believe that between the headwaters of the Aruwimi and Wadelai, his objective point, just north of lake Victoria Nyanza, he found his way blocked, and was compelled to make a wide detour to the west, from which to move eastward by a more northerly route. The possibility, is that this is true. If it is, there has not been sufficient time to hear from him. It is the expectation of many distinguished African explorers that the intrepid Stanley will yet march from Wadelai, Emin's center of power, south-easterly to the eastern coast, strengthen British prestige and possessions, and perhaps establish a New African Free State under British protection. With this hopeful view of the African situation, as it now is, we must wait patiently until we have something besides mere conjecture.

The death is announced of Major Bartelott, whom Mr. Stanley left as representative at the camp on the Aruwimi. Bartelott had organized an expedition for the purpose of following the track of Mr. Stanley, to learn, if possible what had become of him. All that is now known is that Bartelott was killed by some of his own party. There are rumors that he was of an imperious disposition and that he had never had the confidence and affection of his men. Mr. Stanley, if alive, is now alone in the great Continent. None of the expeditions organized or proposed for his relief can probably reach him in season to do him any good.

THE CONGO.

The officers of the Congo Free State are continuing their explorations of the Upper Valley, and find that the products of the country are rich and varied beyond the highest expectations. It is said to

have been settled beyond a doubt that the Mobangi is the lower course of the river Welle, discovered by Dr. Schweinfurth; and so a large part of the Soudan comes into the valley of the Congo, and will find the natural outlet for its products through that river. The engineers who are surveying the route for the railroad past the Livingstone Falls to Lukunga river, report that it is not only possible, but easy. The road will run some distance south of the river Congo. The construction of a railroad will mark a new era in the development of Central Africa. Fleets of steamers can then find employment on the Upper Congo and its branches in bringing to Stanley Pool the rubber, gums, spices, ivory, and agricultural products of the valley which are wanted by the civilized world. The railroad also will be an important factor in commerce, because it will bring to foreign markets large supplies of several articles which are now obtainable only in limited quantities.

It is officially announced that the forces of the Congo Free State have re-captured the Stanley Falls station. It is two years since this station on the Congo fell into the hands of the Arabs. It is an important point, 1,400 miles from the mouth of the river and 340 above Stanley Pool. Mr. Stanley established it in 1883 on an island in the river just below the falls.

The news of the death of the Governor of the Congo State has caused much regret, as also the report of the death of Lieutenant Charles Wallomont, and of Captain Lievin Van de Velde, by fever at Leopoldville. He was about to start for the Aruwimi. Capt Van de Velde was Stanley's principal assistant on his first exploration. He himself explored the Kiulu-Niadibasin, founded the station of Manyango, and commanded in Vivi. As secretary of the President of the Congo, he took part in the Berlin Congo Conference, and went to Africa again in 1885 to fix the line of the Congo railway between Vivi and Issangouila.

M. Janssen has been appointed Governor of the Congo State. In future the post will be held by three functionaries, one in the Congo State, one in Brussels to attend to administrative duties, and a third on leave, ready to relieve either of the others.

A commencement has been made at Brussels in the issue of the projected Congo State Loan of 130,000,000fr., with 100,000 obligations of 100fr. each. The Societe Generale and the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, the Banque de Bruxelles, and the firms of Phillopson, Casel, and Balser will receive subscriptions.

GERMAN ENTERPRIZE.

Herr Ludwig Conradt, the representative of the Deutsch-West-Afrikanisch Compagnie, presents some interesting details of the trade in the German Protectorates of Namaqualand and Damaraland. Owing to the presence of German missionaries in these two Protectorates for about half a century, the natives have gradually accustomed themselves to wear European clothing. The percentage of those thus dressed increases from year to year. Formerly mostly ready-made clothes were imported, but now the natives have begun to buy the stuffs and cut their own attire for themselves. Of these stuffs various kinds and qualities are imported. It is necessary to keep as much as possible to the same classes of goods. Herr Halbig, a merchant in Otzymbique, purchased a large quantity of these goods in Germany, and disposed of them with rapidity and at prices considerably lower than those quoted in Cape Town. Damaras and Nam-aquas are no longer childish savages who barter for gay toys and articles they cannot utilize. On the contrary, they pay special attention to the quality and durability of their purchases, and when they have the choice, prefer expensive heavy goods to cheap articles.

Dr. Peters gives an account of a journey he was then making to the bay of Tanga, on the northern limit of the German Protectorate. He describes the region around the bay as of marvelous beauty and fertility, with extensive plantations of coco palms, and fields of maize and other grain extending far into the distance. The country is everywhere green and rich, covered with plantations and villages, and produces the finest tobacco. Landing at Pangani, and proceeding over the hills, he found plantation on plantation right and left, with sugar factories here and there, some of which are already making use of steam. Dr. Peters went to the plantation of Deutschenhof, which has been laid out by the Planters' Association, about two hours north of the Ruvu river. This station was founded in the beginning of September, and already more than 50,000 tobacco plants have been laid down, and seem to be flourishing. Deutschenhof lies in one of the richest and most beautiful landscapes on the Usambora plateau. Dr. Peters states that he has purchased the right to all the stretch of country as far south as Saadani, a distance of 100 miles. After a visit to Saadani, Dr. Peters proceeded northwards to Witu, the German possession which lies north of the strip of coast just leased by the English company from the Sultan of Zanzibar. Monda bay, here, behind Monda and other islands, he describes as one of the best harbors of the world.

The German East African Plantation Company have increased their capital by 250,000 marks, their entire capital now amounting to 1,500,000 marks. At one of its plantations, Sewa, in Usambora, about 20 miles from the coast, 100 natives are at work, besides 200 of the people from the surrounding villages. At M'Busine, in Useguha, about 40 miles from the coast, the position is equally favorable. Here about 150 contract natives are at work, with a like number who have come in from the neighborhood. The country lies pretty high, and besides tobacco, coffee has been planted at several points.

A company has been formed in Berlin, which proposes to fit out an expedition to the gold fields of South-west Africa for the purpose of undertaking a scientific research. Efforts will be made to ascertain what economical value the newly discovered gold fields possess, and, supposing they possess any, to secure the mining rights upon the most favorable spot. The leadership of this expedition will be entrusted to recognized authority upon geological and geographical matters, a former lecturer at a German mining academy, who will be assisted by two mining engineers of practical experience. This organization has adopted the title of the "German African Mines Company." It will direct its attention not only to the probable existence of gold in South-west Africa, but also to that of gems. It is believed that as South-west Africa shows a similar ground formation to the special diamond country, West Griqualand, diamonds will also be found there.

RAILROADS, CABLES AND MINES.

The route of the railroad from the navigable waters of the Lower Congo to Stanley Pool, past the Livingstone Falls, has been surveyed and found practicable.

Information concerning the progress of the railway—the first on the West Coast of Africa south of that built by the French in Senegambia—which the Portuguese are constructing in the province of Angola, is communicated by Mr. R. S. Newton, British Consul at Loanda: "The Royal Trans-African Railway from Loanda to Ambaca, a distance of some 250 miles, is in course of construction and sixty kilometers of earthworks are completed. About 14,000 tons of material, including several locomotives and carriages, have arrived, and the work goes on with activity, although the contractor, Mr. John Burnay, of Lisbon, has great difficulties to contend with, both in the way of labor and the heat and unhealthiness of the climate. Nearly all the material used is from Belgium. The Government guarantee 6

per cent., equal to 1,200 milreis per kilometre on the estimated cost of construction."

The Conference of the Delegates of Cape Colony, Natal and the Orange Free State, which met at Cape Town under the presidency of Sir Gordon Sprigg, to consider the question of intercolonial railways and customs union, has agreed to a report recommending the establishment of a South African Customs Union upon defined lines, and also the extension of the colonial railways through the Free State to the Vaal river, the extension to be undertaken by the Free State Government. According to this programme, the Cape Colony Railway system will be pressed from Colesberg, a point near the Orange river, about 550 miles northeast from Cape Town, and 355 miles north from Port Elizabeth to Bloemfontein, the Orange Free State, thence northeast to a point near the northern border of the Free State, where a junction is to be formed with the Natal line to be extended from Landismith, its present terminus. To effect this junction of the two colonial branches, as above indicated, will require the construction of about 400 miles of railway which, for the greater part, will penetrate a country famous for its agricultural capabilities and its prodigious mineral wealth.

The commercial public is aroused by the opening of a railroad from Lorenzo Marques, on Delagoa Bay, into the interior, toward the Transvaal. The section opened is 54 miles long, and crosses the borders of the Transvaal Republic. Thence the distance is somewhat over 200 miles to Pretoria. The importance of this enterprise is seen from the fact that Delagoa Bay is the only harbor for large ships between the Cape of Good Hope and Mozambique, a range of 2,000 miles. It is not only the nearest port to the gold-bearing region of Africa, but the coal deposits are such as would make it a most important coaling station. Admiral De Horsey writes to *The London Times* that this port must be the naval key to that portion of the Indian Ocean, as well as the commercial emporium of southeastern Africa.

The "Third Ordinary General Meeting" of the West African Telegraph Company, Limited, was held in London, July 13th. Major General Sir F. J. Goldsmid, C. B., who presided, said that the traffic had not increased to the extent they would have been glad to see, but in other respects he thought they would find that the working had been satisfactory, and the whole line was at that moment in good order and condition. The French subsidy had been paid to the end of 1887, and the Portuguese guarantee had been paid to the end of September last. With reference to the traffic, statistics for the complete line

were available from September, 1886, but it would hardly be fair to compare the first three months' working of the complete line with the corresponding period in 1887. Taking, however, the first five months of the present year, and comparing the number of words with that of the corresponding period of 1887, after making due allowance for the loss resulting from the interruption on the St. Thome-Loanda section, they might fairly consider that the volume of traffic had increased at least 15 per cent. For the present they must rely on their guarantee and subsidy, hoping for better results in the future when the system was connected with the Cape of Good Hope; and Mr. Matthew Gray, of the India-rubber, Gutta-percha, & Telegraph Works Co., had sent him a letter stating that that Company was working earnestly towards completing the section from Loanda to the Cape, and that they had every hope that the connection would be made by the end of the year. He concluded by moving the adoption of the report and the payment of 3s a share; which motion was unanimously adopted.

From September 1, 1882, to December 31, 1887, the comparative yearly exports of diamonds from South Africa were as follows:

	Carats.	Declared Value.	Ave. price per carat.		
		£	s	d	
1887 ...	3,599,036	4,251,837	23	7½	
1886 ...	3,135,432	3,507,210	22	4	
1885 ...	2,440,788	2,492,755	20	5	
1884 ...	2,263,686	2,807,288	24	9¾	
1883 ...	2,413,953	2,742,521	22	8¾	
Total..	13,852,897	15,801,613			

Showing the very considerable total of £15,801,613, which does not seem to have been considered in comparative tables of exports and imports, though it has as much influence on trade by increasing the purchasing power of South Africa, as if, instead of articles of luxury, they were ingots of copper or lumps of pig-iron. It is estimated that since the beginning of the mines, in 1871-2, not less than forty millions sterling value of gems has been exported—all in the first instance to England.

TRADE.

The year 1887 has witnessed about the same depression in trade which existed in 1886. The average prices in Europe of leading African products have stood even lower than during the previous twelve

months, while the prolonged continuance of low prices in Africa has apparently disheartened the native producer and tended to diminish the quantity as well as the value of his offerings.

At the "Eighth Ordinary General Meeting" of the Royal Niger Company, held at the offices in London, July 31, Lord Abedare, Governor of the Company, presided and said:—

"The year which has passed since we last met has been, as you may well imagine, not only a busy, but an anxious one. It is true that the anticipations I then ventured to express of the speedy restoration of our finances to a sound basis have been thoroughly realized. The debt then remaining has been wiped away, and although the balance-sheet now submitted to you for the year 1887 does not justify any dividend for that year; still the fact that we venture, in full confidence of the prudence of such a measure, to propose a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on account of the first half of 1888, is a proof that we look forward to the future more hopefully than we have done for some years past."

Governor Abedare proposed, and Mr. John Edgar seconded, a resolution for an interim dividend, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, for the half year ended June 30th last; and it was unanimously agreed to.

British trade with Africa is estimated to be worth about \$125,000,000 annually, while that of France is about \$100,000,000. The commerce of Germany with the great Continent is as yet insignificant. The total value of exports and imports of Africa is estimated at \$375,000,000 annually. An enormous sum truly. What a field for commercial enterprise the Great Continent is!

A society has been formed in Liverpool to develop the production of indigo on the West Coast of Africa. It has for years been known that a superior quality of the plant which produces indigo exists on the West Coast, and that the product of this plant, which grows without cultivation, is even better than that which is raised in India with great care. Mr. E. W. Parsons, an *attache* of the West African Telegraph Company, has sent to the Royal Geographical Society of London an account of a new species of caoutchouc. Mr. Parsons thinks it as "pure as possible." Like all the other African caoutchoucs, there are two qualities, one an extract from the plant, the other from its root. Formerly caravans took eight or nine months to return to the coast with their loads of the ordinary caoutchouc gathered from forest trees; now they come back in about three months, bringing an abundance of this superior article, which commands a high price in the coast market. Considerable attention has

been paid lately to the export trade from Namaqualand in gum arabic, which has proved highly profitable. Herr Raedecker, of Otzymbingue, has agreed to supply 10,000 lbs. of this article every year. Narakernels, the fruit of the nara, are also exported in large quantities and converted in Cape Town into confectionery, which forms an acceptable substitute for sweet almonds.

Arrangements have been made for another line of steamers from Liverpool and Continental ports to the West Coast by some of the leading houses in the trade. A second line is to start from Bordeaux, calling at Algiers, Morocco, Senegal, Bulama, Sierra Leone, Lagos and all parts of the West South-west Coast of Africa. It is stated that the carrying trade has given evidence of considerable prosperity, and that one of the steamship companies was able last year not only to declare a dividend, but also to return to its shareholders 15 per cent. of capital out of profits.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

This subject is recurring continually, and it ought to, until the terrible curse which civilized nations are permitting to come upon Africa is checked. Let united action be taken to induce Christian governments to rise in their might and put a stop to a traffic which is proving more detrimental to Africa than even the slave-trade. There are no specially new facts to be presented. Probably no Christian nation is free from blame in this matter. Although we may properly claim that at the Berlin Congress the representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Belgium, and Italy took a decided stand against the admission of intoxicating liquors into the Congo Free State, and were defeated, largely through the influence of Germany and the Netherlands, yet we are constrained to admit that Great Britain and the United States suffer their citizens to engage in this desolating traffic. The King of the Belgians, who is also sovereign of the Congo Free State, has placed stringent restrictions on the sale of alcoholic liquors on the upper Congo, since under the terms of the Berlin Conference treaty he cannot altogether prohibit the importation. The Royal Niger Company, having control of trade upon the Niger, has also imposed heavy duties upon foreign liquors in the hope of restricting their use; and this solely for commercial reasons, because it is found that the industries on which commerce can live are being destroyed by the intemperance of the natives.

A debate took place in the British Parliament, April²⁴, on the question of the liquor traffic and native races. The debate was long and was participated in by prominent men like Sir J. Kennaway, Sir

G. Baden-Powell, Baron H. De Worms, Under Secretary of the Colonies, Sir Wilfred Lawson, Sir G. Campbell, Mr. Bryce, Mr. McArthur, Sir Richard Temple, and others. The disastrous results of the liquor traffic with native races were universally admitted and deplored. The necessity for prompt and energetic action, if the natives are to be saved from extermination, was clearly set forth. Sir J. Kennaway urged that measures be taken to call a convention for united action on the part of the Powers of Europe. In the course of the debate a statement was made by the Under Secretary of the Colonies, that the United States government had not responded favorably to proposals for an international agreement on this subject, and that Secretary Bayard had declared, in a letter of April, 1885, that while our government recognized the moral force and general propriety of the proposed regulations, "the government of the United States does not feel entirely prepared to join in the international understanding proposed." This debate in the British House of Commons indicates a purpose to take hold with vigor of this great problem. and the following motion received the assent of the government and was agreed to without a division: "That this House, having regard to the disastrous physical and moral effects of the liquor traffic among uncivilized races, as well as the injury it inflicts on legitimate commerce, will cordially support the Imperial and Colonial governments in endeavors to suppress the traffic in all the native territories and governments under their influence and control."

THE SLAVE TRADE.

A meeting was held in London, August 1, by the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, to listen to an address from Cardinal Lavigerie, the archbishop of Algiers and Carthage, on the subject of African slavery. The meeting was presided over by Lord Granville, and eminent men were present from the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, and all other Christian bodies. The chairman well remarked that the presence on the same platform of most distinguished persons, ministers and laymen of all denominations, accentuated the fact that, though in many things they differed, there was cordial agreement among them in reference to slavery and the slave-trade. Cardinal Lavigerie, made a striking address, in which he affirmed that Commander Cameron understated the case when he said that half a million of slaves, at least, are sold every year in the interior of Africa. Within ten years whole provinces have been absolutely depopulated by the massacres of the slave-hunters. Things have come to such a pass in the vicinity of the Great Lakes that every wo-

man or child who strays ten rods away from the village has no certainty of ever returning to it. He depicted in a most striking way the terrible sufferings which the slave captives have to endure on their way to the markets. Cardinal Manning, Bishop Smythies, of the Universities Mission, Rev. Horace Waller, and Commander Cameron followed the address of the cardinal with stirring words, and a resolution was passed calling upon the nations of Europe to take needful steps to secure the suppression of Arab marauders throughout all territories over which they have any control.

An International Conference is announced to be held in Belgium to devise measures for the suppression of the African slave trade. The Conference is mainly the outcome of the efforts of Cardinal Lavigerie, Pope Leo, who is deeply interested in the movement, has signified his willingness to accept the honorary Presidency of the Conference. It now seems quite certain that a united effort will be made by the leading European Powers towards the suppression of the African slave-trade. England, France, Germany and Portugal have signified their willingness to co-operate in the good work.

The discussion in the House of Lords on East Central Africa has served a good purpose in drawing public attention to the serious dangers to which, by reason of recent events at Zanzibar and on the Zambesi, British commerce and missionary enterprise are now exposed, and also in eliciting from the Government a declaration of its intention to protect these interests. The civilizing and Christianizing of this vast tract of country must, as the Prime Minister intimated, be mainly the work of individuals and private organizations; but these agencies have a right to demand that the government shall render them all possible legitimate and peaceful assistance and protection, and especially shall do all that honorable statesmanship can do in suppressing spirit-selling and slave-hunting, the latter of which is now displaying renewed vitality. The assurances of Lord Salisbury were satisfactory.

LITERATURE.

"TROPICAL AFRICA," by Professor Henry Drummond, will greatly interest and instruct all classes of readers. It is not strictly a book of travels or of science, but in a charming style Professor Drummond details briefly what he saw in his excursion up the Zambesi, crossing lake Nyasa to the high plateau between Nyasa and Tanganyika. Professor Drummond evidently believes in the African and in the possibilities of a development within the bounds of his own Continent. This is altogether a charming book; and its six colored

maps of Central and Southern Africa are worth more than the price of the volume.

"*EMIN PASHA IN CENTRAL AFRICA*," is one of the most fascinating as well as valuable books relating to Africa; and a remarkable fact connected with it is, that though the author, so far as known, is not only alive but in active service, he is not even aware of the existence of the volume. In the centre of his Equatorial Province Emin Pasha has been practically shut away from the world, and for years at a time he has received no communication from without. But he has nevertheless been able to send to his special friends, Professors Schweinfurth and Ratzel, and Doctors Felkin and Hartlaub, letters which have reached them, and which they feel to be of such value to the world that they have arranged and presented them in this comely volume of 547 pages. The journals cover the period from 1877 to April, 1887, although there are many gaps. The contributions to natural history contained in this volume would be sufficient to give fame to any man, but when we add to this the service of Emin Pasha as a military leader and governor, and his protracted and energetic efforts for the suppression of the slave-trade and the amelioration of the condition of the people of the Equatorial Province, we are constrained to admit that he is one of the most wonderful men of our times.

The story of his life is briefly given, from which we learn that his real name is Eduard Schnitzer, the son of Protestants, born in Oppeln, Silesia, in 1840. After obtaining a medical education at Berlin, he sought practice in Turkey, traveling through Armenia, Syria and Arabia. He entered the Egyptian service in 1876 and became chief medical officer of the Equatorial Province under General Gordon. It was there that he assumed the name of Emin Effendi, for the purpose of removing all obstacles to his intercourse with the natives, at the same time assuring his friends that "an honest German is disguised behind the Turkish name. Don't be afraid; I have only adopted the name. I have not become a Turk." Aside from his extraordinary gifts in scientific studies, Dr. Emin has remarkable ability in the acquisition of languages, so that he not only speaks the principal languages of Europe, but has mastered several Slavonic tongues as well as the Turkish and Arabic. His acquisitions in the line of language in Central Africa must be a matter of conjecture.

It was in 1878 that Gordon made Emin governor of the Equatorial Province, and the new ruler immediately undertook to redeem the district from the domination of slave-traders. With great energy and patience he wrought until he had trained a native soldiery and had banished the slave-traders from the Province; and in 1882

he was able to show a net profit through his administration of \$40,000 in place of the preceeding annual deficit of not far from \$160,000. Regarding his administrative duties as of prime importance, he never suffered his intense love for scientific investigations to interfere with his work as a ruler. While throughout these letters to his friends there is a singular mingling of records of his administration with accounts of the wonderful flora and fauna of the Province, it is clear that his heart is first of all fixed upon securing good government for the people over whom he is placed. Dr. Hartlaub, referring to the zoological collections and observations which Emin Pasha has made, declares that they are astonishing in the highest degree. But they cannot be more astonishing than are the results of his administration among the people. To be sure, in the troubles that ensued after 1882, and in the enlargement of his domain, the slave trade was again revived and Dr. Emin, having no help from without found it impossible to restrain the rapacity and lust of the slave dealers in the new districts committed to his care. But he has patiently wrought at his work, dealing with the people in wise and just ways, and has won their regard to a surprising degree. And now this wise and brave man stands at his post, unwilling to leave it even were some broad way opened for him to flee from a trust which he would gladly lay down if a stern conviction of duty would allow him so to do.

"GERMAN WORK IN AFRICA" is a book of interest concerning the "Dark Continent". It is by Goyaux, the well-known German traveler, and is far superior to the ordinary literature on that subject. It is mostly the result of years of observation and practical experience of the author, and therein has special worth. It is written largely as an aid to the present efforts of the Germans in the line of African colonization. One chapter is devoted to the climate of German Africa, and in this the author has no very satisfactory experience. He says: "German Africa will never be the seat of large emigration; only individual Germans who go there under the most favorable conditions, as merchants, overseers of workmen, or government officials, will be able to remain long." The third section is devoted to the subject of plantations in tropical Africa. Here we learn in full the necessary *modus operandi* of clearing the ground and preparing the soil with the labor there at command, and establishing experimental agricultural colonies. The chapter on the education of the natives is valuable, as it is the practical experience of the author of several years of labor on a large plantation. Suffice it to say on this point that he considers the Negro capable of being educated, but the instruction

must be wholly practical—must be virtually object-teaching on a large scale. The African is imitative, but his ambition must be stimulated, and much patience is necessary to success.

"THE ARAB IN CENTRAL AFRICA" is an interesting pamphlet by James Stevenson, Esq., who has heretofore written in reference to philanthropic and commercial enterprises in Central Africa. He brings together many facts which show that within the last five years the ravages of the Arabs have increased in area and intensity, so that a territory west of the great Lakes, one thousand miles by four hundred, has been devastated. It is a sorrowful story of the growth of the slave trade, and the statements here brought together give force to the representations made to the British government, urging it to interpose in the defence of the rights of commerce in the interior of Africa. Mr. Stevenson's pamphlet is accompanied by a map of Africa, showing the lines on which the slave-trade is now prosecuted.

"LIFE ON THE CONGO" by Rev. W. Holman Bentley, contains much that is valuable on the physical characteristics and climate of the country, the home life and superstitions of the natives, the experience of the missionaries, and some of the results of their labors. It is not yet ten years since the first missionaries arrived in the country, and yet already there are native Christian churches at Mukimbungu, Lukunga, Banza, Manteka and San Salvador: there being about 1,500 converts, whose sincerity is attested by the self-denial and consistency of their lives.

"DICTIONARY AND GRAMMAR OF THE KONGO LANGUAGE," by Rev. W. Holman Bentley, is another monument to missionary enterprise. In its 718 pages it presents to the world the materials for understanding an African language spoken in a vast district bordering on the Congo river (which this author writes Kongo.) It must prove an invaluable assistance to all who are engaged in commercial or missionary enterprises within the Congo Free State.

There are now three periodicals in Europe which are wholly devoted to African news and comments upon the various enterprises developing there, while three-fourths of the space in another journal is given solely to affairs in the Congo State. One of these periodicals has a circulation of six thousand copies. *L'Afrique*, which is published in Geneva, and the *African Times*, of London, have been in the field for several years, and now comes the *Afrika Post*, issued in Hamburg, to be chiefly devoted to Germany's interests in her African possessions.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

Many of the English missionary societies laboring in Africa are experiencing serious trials in connection with the sickness and death of several of their missionaries and also from newly awakened hostility on the part of the native chieftains. Bishop Parker, of the English Church Missionary Society, lately died of fever at the southern end of Victoria Nyanza. Following so soon upon the murder of Bishop Hamington, the death of his successor will be a sad blow to the Church Missionary Society. Moreover, all the stations of this Society in East Africa, as well as of the London Society on lake Tanganyika, have experienced severe trials of late in connection with the *hongo*, or claims for tribute, made by the native chieftains. The Free Church of Scotland's mission on Lake Nyasa has been compelled to suspend its missionary operations, and to attend solely to self-defence against the assaults of Arab slave-traders, who have entered anew and with vigor upon their infamous traffic. The losses by death of English Baptist missionaries on the Congo have been so numerous as to be well nigh crushing.

The *Société des Missions Évangéliques* has sent four French teachers as aids to the American Presbyterian Mission at the Gaboon. This mission, founded in 1842, has now six stations: Alongo, upon the island of Corisco; Baraka, or Glars, upon the equator; Angoma, upon the Gaboon river, and Kangwe, on the river Ogowe. The French teachers have received a hearty welcome from the French authorities of the country as well as from the American missionaries. It has become an absolute necessity that the French language should be used in the mission schools.

The missionaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union on the Congo further report of the revival at Banza Manteke. About two hundred have been baptized and enrolled as church members. More are asking for baptism. An interesting incident is given showing the zeal of the converts in transporting timber and iron a distance of fifty miles for the building of a chapel. Most of the men have made the journey three, and some four, times, bringing loads on their heads. To do this requires a walk of three or four hundred miles. The women have hired carriers, and thus have done their part. The boys, too, have brought half-loads.

Bishop William Taylor in his Quadrennial Report to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says that he had superintended the regular work in the Liberia Conference and established self-supporting missions on the Cavalla river. He has made a beginning in the Congo region, and Angola south of the Congo riv-

er; in all 36 new stations have been opened by him, with 32 mission houses, built at a cost of £20,000 and all are free from debt. The stations in Angola are, 1. St. Paul de Loando, with a self-supporting school. 2. Dondo, 240 miles distant from Loanda, with a self-supporting school also. 3. Nhangupepo, 51 miles farther inland, a receiving-station where missionaries can tarry and learn languages. 4. Pungo Andongo is 39 miles farther on a mountain elevation. 5. Malange is 60 miles further along the same path. The objective point of this line of stations is the Tushilange country, some 1,200 miles from the coast. Bishop Taylor has a steam yacht in process of transportation around Stanley Falls, for use on the Upper Congo and Kasai.

The African Methodist E. Church has sent a missionary and his wife to Sierra Leone, and others are to follow, as will appear from the following extract from the *A. M. E. Church Review* for October:—

"The African Methodist Episcopal Church, a Church in many respects especially fitted for the work, is becoming aroused as to its duties and possibilities in Africa. It would be putting this Church in a false light to say that hitherto it has had no aspirations in this direction. The want of money has been the principal reason for remaining away. But meanwhile the work of preparing men has been going on slowly but steadily, till now the outlook is bright. During the next quadrennium, under the superintendency of our newly elected Bishop Tanner, and by the aid of the Women's Mite Missionary Society, we may expect a great advance upon what has been done in the past at this post. Dr. Townsend,—"Missionary Secretary,"—has already given notice that his department stands ready to do its best for Africa, and the ladies of the Mite Society are asking that the work of sustaining a missionary and developing a school there be given them as their specific work."

The *Missions-und Heidenbote*, of Neukirchen, for April, gives the following account of Roman Catholic missions in Eastern Africa:

"Until lately we had to do with two different Roman Catholic missions. The one is the so-called 'Congregation of the Holy Ghost and of the Sacred Heart of Mary,' commonly called 'the Black Fathers.' They number some fifty missionaries, working at seven central stations, none of them very far removed from the coast. Besides missionary work strictly so called, they also carry on a general work of culture. Especially are they devoted to the care of the sick. The other Roman Catholic mission is that of the 'African Algerian Missionaries,' commonly called 'the White Fathers.' They have advanced their stations far into the interior, and set them as widely as possible

apart. As it appears, they limit themselves mainly to proper missionary work. We do not know the number of their laborers. As we learn from the journals, there has come on the field a new German mission of the Roman Catholic Church, of which a column of thirteen priests, besides artisans and agriculturists, is already on African soil. The south of the German possessions in Eastern Africa is assigned to them, while the Kilimandjaro region is to remain under the Brothers of the Holy Ghost. The Roman Church is bestirring herself to lay her hand upon Eastern Africa."

The extension of European protectorates over various parts of Africa is likely to necessitate many changes in missionary operations. The French at the Gaboon are not alone in requiring that missionary schools shall lay aside the English and use French. French Protestants in Basuto-land assert that they are required to use the English and not the French in all schools of the higher grades. The German governor at Cameroons placed such restrictions upon the English Baptist missions within the German territory that it was thought best to transfer the mission to the Basle Society. Already the English Church Missionary Society agents in the east African lake country complain of difficulties from the German occupation of territory between the lakes and Zanzibar.

Before a substantial and permanent superstructure can be erected there must be prepared for it a solid and enduring foundation. This foundation-laying is what the Protestant missionary societies are now doing for Christianity in Africa, at an annual expense of about \$1,500,000. Missionaries have taught many useful mechanical trades to the natives, such as masonry, carpentering and tailoring, and, in addition, they have imparted no small amount of knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic, and of the printing press, the saw-mill and the steamboat, and they have generally been the first to explore and describe the lakes and rivers of Africa, and impart a correct knowledge of them and of the capabilities of the adjacent country. They have done more. By grammars, dictionaries, vocabularies, and translation of the Bible, they have usefully illustrated two hundred African languages and dialects. By their researches they have enriched the sciences of zoology, botany, and anthropology, and many other branches of scientific investigation. They have guided commerce and civilization in their forward marches, and, while their work may at times have been imperfect, and may not now appear as decidedly Christian in all its aspects, it has all been a part of that foundation work upon which the grand edifice of a pure Christianity will at length be reared.

LIBERIA.

Liberia is growing more and more indigenous and hopeful. The Aborigines are entering the political and social life of the Republic. The Kroomen, especially, are engaging largely in civilized commerce and in agriculture, and are becoming a part of the permanent element of the population.

Hon. E. J. Barclay, Secretary of State of Liberia, wrote as follows to Charles Hall Adams Esq., Consul of that Republic at Boston:—

"In former years the volume of trade between the two countries (Liberia and the United States) was much larger than at present. Our palm oil and camwood were the chief productions exported to the United States, but since kerosene and cotton seed oil have come prominently to the front there, the exports of palm oil to that country have become almost *nil* compared with what it used to be. In those days it was not an uncommon thing for a single ship to take among other products, palm oil to the value of \$28,000 to \$36,000. The vacancy caused by the decline of the trade of this article in the United States has not been filled. Your figures with reference to the export of coffee into the United States have been carefully scanned. We are entirely in accord as to the fact that our trade in this article might be increased to much larger proportions, and the quantity exported to the United States might be multiplied a hundred fold. Yet when the facts of the culture being in its infancy and of there being no banks nor other financial institutions to assist the growers, and no machinery except in a few instances, are considered, I am of the opinion that our cultivators have made a tolerable good showing in foreign markets. The total product for 1887 was about 1,200,000 lbs which are distributed as follows; to Germany, 600,000 lbs., United States, 301,000 lbs., Belgium, France and England 149,000 lbs., Holland 150,000 lbs.

Bishop William Taylor in his Quadrennial Report, states:—"The productive interests of Liberia are fairly prosperous. Within ten miles of Monrovia, up the St. Paul's river, there are ten steam sugar cane crushing mills, and during the past year more than 600,000 pounds of coffee have been exported from Monrovia."

Hon. Ezekiel E. Smith, Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States at Liberia, thus addressed the Hon. John H. B. Latrobe, under date of Monrovia, September 1st:—"As a member of a long enslaved race I bless God for the inception, organization and perpetuation of the philanthropic institution, the American Colonization Society. I shall pray that the choicest benedictions of Heaven may rest upon the executive and members and friends. The most

taile pen, the most eloquent or gifted orator cannot describe the possibilities of Liberia as they present themselves to the eye."

In this connection may be stated the notable fact that, by act of the national Parliament of Brazil in May, slavery was abolished throughout the Empire. For years a popular feeling in favor of emancipation has been growing; but now the government has suddenly moved in the matter and the glorious deed is done. This act is one in which philanthropists and Christians may well rejoice, and it will have an important bearing on the interests of the kingdom of Christ in Brazil and in Africa. So strong is the love of "fatherland" in the uncontaminated Brazilian Negroes that there is a steady current setting eastward from that Empire, the "expatriates" paying their own way to West Africa.

AMERICA'S SHARE,

Is not America to share more largely in this new interest for Africa? We, who have millions of people the best adapted to its climate—to be its sailors, pioneers, merchants, colonists and missionaries—are we to be scarcely more than idle spectators of the general movement for it? Are our growing millions of its children, rising daily in intellectual and moral improvement, to take no telling part in its redemption? With the immense prospective growth of our Negro population will doubtless come considerable development of its business talent and wealth: in spite of its social disadvantages, can its "fatherland" fail then to powerfully attract its enterprise, its religion and civilization generally?

In God's own time the great mystery that has rested upon Africa and her people shall be made clear. She shall be favored with untold blessings, and they shall live in the light of an ennobled civilization and a pure Christianity.

For The African Repository.

THE ZODAKIE MISSION AND VONSWAH.

BY PROF. EDWARD W. BLYDEN.

I visited (August 31, Sept. 1, and 2.) the Zodakie Mission, established by the Baptists under the leadership and patronage of a few earnest Liberians. The station called by the name of the chief whose own is nearest to it, is about eight miles interior as the crow flies

from the St. Paul's in a north-easterly direction, and four miles from the Mohammedan village of Vonswah.

The day was an excessively rainy one when I started from Clay-Ashland for the station; but, protected by thick boots, umbrella and overcoat, I faced the storm. I went by canoe down the St. Paul's, and three miles below Clay-Ashland, turned up the creek at the head of which, about two miles from its mouth, stands the settlement of Brewerville. I was soon at the Brewerville landing, where to my surprise, I found a number of large canoes moored, showing an increase of property and business in the settlement. When I visited this settlement two years ago, I saw at the wharf only one small canoe. Standing under the large trees near the landing were several boys and men from the Mission, waiting to receive Consul Boyle, of Sierra Leone, and myself to act as guides and carriers. Mr. Boyle had accepted the invitation from the Faculty of Rick's Institute to attend on that day to witness the opening exercises, but the inclemency of the weather prevented him from leaving Monrovia.

Taking one guide and two carriers, who seemed anxious and enthusiastic; I was soon on the way, leaving one of the students of the Institute, a son of June Moore of Arthington, with a number of carriers to wait an hour or two longer for Mr. Boyle, in case the weather should allow him to get up.

Hurrying through the settlement, with barely time to speak to our old friend Munden, who rushed out in the rain to shake hands, and who, by the by, is as vigorous as ever, we soon reached the village of Vonswah. The rain poured but on we went, accepting no invitation to take temporary shelter. We passed through a lovely country seen under most unfavorable circumstances, but yet lovely. Extensive fields of rice and coffee plantations were seen on every hand. No prospect of hunger in this region. The land rose gradually and sometimes suddenly as we went back from the river, until on reaching our destination we must have been about seven hundred feet above the level of the river.

After a journey of three hours from Clay-Ashland, we reached, by this somewhat circuitous route, Kaipo's creek, on the northern side of which stands Zodikie's town. On an elevation a little distance back of the town are situated the Mission buildings. The creek was very much swollen, owing to the recent incessant rain, and we had to cross, with some little inconvenience, on a rudely constructed raft. But we were soon safely over and arrived at the Mission station in a drenching shower to the surprise of the Superintendent and

his helpers, who hardly expected visitors in such weather. I am told that in the dries the creek is easily forded.

After changing my things, getting on dry clothing and regaling myself with a cup of hot coffee, through the thoughtful hospitality of the Principal, I was ushered into a comfortable verandah where I was delighted to find Chief Justice Parsons, whose residence is at Brewerville, and two lady visitors from the settlement. The Chief Justice was lively and communicative, highly pleased at the condition and prospects of the Mission which he was visiting for the first time.

The Superintendent of this work is Rev. Sanders Washington. Brought to Liberia when a child, he grew up here with nothing but a common school education. But he spent his early years very much among the aborigines and has acquired a complete knowledge of two of the languages of tribes in the neighborhood. He preaches to them in their own language and can converse with pagans and Mohammedans in their own tongues of the wonderful works of God. Rev. Robert B. Richardson, Principal of Rick's Institute, is a native of Liberia, son of the late Rev. J. T. Richardson, and graduate of Liberia College, Rev. J. O. Hayes, Tutor, is a native of the United States and graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. There are thirty students ranging from 6 to 25 years old: of these sixteen are aborigines—5 Veys, 6 Golahs, 2 Deys, 2 Bassas, 1 Pesseh. The rest are the children of colonists.

The Rick's Institute was founded by Mr. Moses Ricks of Clay-Ashland, who emigrated to Liberia about thirty three years ago under the auspices of the American Colonization Society from the State of Virginia. He was born free. He learned to read in Liberia, and only by attending Sunday School, his week days being wholly employed in work on the farm: and he had been in the country twelve years before he could get the consent of his mind to attend school and take his place as a learner among little children. He is now a successful farmer, having risen with no recognition or help from abroad: and it is his firm belief that educational and mission work to be successful in the country must be undertaken by the people themselves, and he is leading off by his personal labors and benefactions in that direction.

The Mission grounds comprise 500 acres of land purchased from, not granted by the government. There are two large commodious frame buildings—the chapel and mission-house, constructed entirely of material procured on the spot. Besides these, there are out houses made in native style. The boys' dormitory is now in the upper part

of the mission house, but it is intended to erect a large plain building for dormitory and school house. Through the patriotic and Christian enterprise of the supporters of this Mission, upon which near four thousand dollars has been already expended, there will be 500 acres more added to the premises. There will then be ample room for agricultural and industrial operations, which, it is hoped, will, in a few years render the work self-supporting. There are now about forty acres under cultivation with coffee and bread stuff of different kinds.

The natives in neighboring villages seem proud of the institution and are glad to send their children. They feel that it is their property and for their use; and every effort is made to foster this feeling in them. During the three days of my visit, the women frequently brought large bowls of cooked rice and fowl and other native dishes carefully prepared to entertain the guests. The Mohammedans are also interested. They came from a village about four miles distant to attend services at the institution. One of them, a leader among his people, of considerable scholarship, having professed conversion to Christianity has been baptized by Rev. Sanders Washington. He says that he arrived at the truth by studying the Christian Scriptures, of which he has several copies in Arabic. The self-denying translational work of the American missionaries in Syria is beginning to bear fruit in Africa. It is exactly forty years ago since Dr. Eli Smith began his labors in the translation of the Scriptures into the beautiful Arabic version which is now so attractive to Mohammedan students of the Koran. Hundreds of copies are in circulation among Mohammedans between Liberia and Sego on the Niger, the point to which Dr. Pinney and Melville B. Cox aimed to direct their efforts fifty years ago. This interesting convert is often allowed to address the congregation, which from the surrounding villages assemble at the Mission on Sundays. The teachers of the Institute informed me that he exhibits astonishing acquaintance with the Scripture and deep spirituality. He discoursed the Sabbath before my visit on the interview of Christ with the woman of Samaria to the instruction, profit and delight of his hearers. He brought me his copy of the Bible and called my attention to certain passages bearing upon the Mission of Christ. He also in a pocket Arabic edition of the Psalms which he has, given to him by Mr. Hayes, asked me to read with him the 23d and 24th which he said are his favorite. We also read the Koran together. He said that the 97th sura on the "Night of Power," taken by the Mohammedans to refer to the revelation of the Ko-

ran, might apply to the night when the angels appeared to the Shepherds announcing "peace on earth, good will toward men." He begged me to come and settle in that neighborhood as he would like to put himself under my instruction in Arabic. I had several opportunities of conferring with the Superintendent and teachers about the important work in which they are engaged, and was glad to find them so entirely in accord both as to the method of work and the determination to persist in their operations, notwithstanding the rigid self denial which the incipient stages of an indigenous work require.

I was glad to find that the children of the aborigines were allowed to retain their names as there are no foreign patrons of the work to insist upon a perpetuation of the memory of their beneficence through African *protéges*, and there is no inducement to the managers to stimulate the zeal of benefactors at a distance by such dubious compliments. The native boys live also, as nearly as possible, in their country style. The food is wholesome and their dress when clean is respectable and becoming.

The site of the Mission is most healthy, as indeed is the country everywhere in the interior as you withdraw from the coast. The teachers informed me that they enjoy perfect health there. If they visit the coast and become indisposed through the malaria, as soon as they return to the station, without the use of medicine, they recover their usual vigor and elasticity. The soil is exuberantly fertile—the air is salubrious, and the water pure and delicious.

The supporters of this work look upon the effort here as only the beginning. They propose before long to plant another station further interior on the way to Boporo and the Niger valley.

As the station is in the midst of the aborigines, there is constant communication between them and the missionaries; and this constant intercourse is, I am sure, the cause of the happy relations which exist between them. The missionaries have no presents to make them. They, on the contrary, bring presents to the missionaries. This is Christ's plan of propagating the gospel. The usual system of patron and *protége* between teacher and taught has not worked well and will never work well.

In this novel and significant work for Liberia, the women of the Baptist Church are taking an active part, with their auxiliary organizations to assist the Missionary Convention of that denomination. Woman has her distinct work, and when she understands and co-operates with any work, it will move on.

Oh! that this state of things had been common in the past of Liberia, and would that it were more common now! But it is coming more and more.

On my return from this pleasant and instructive visit the weather was more favorable, and I had an opportunity of seeing the Mohammedans at Vonswah. When they found I was in the village, they gathered around me to renew the acquaintance of twenty years ago. Some of the old men had retired to their homes in the far interior, others had died. But the leading Imam whom I found there in 1868 I found again. He had removed to Musardu, but was returned now to take charge of the mosque at Vonswah. The old mosque was destroyed by fire a few years ago. They showed me the new one. The Imam did not seem at all altered, although he was an old man when I first saw him. I spent an agreeable hour with these old friends and left, promising to pay them a more protracted visit.

For The African Repository.

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN.

Since 1871 we have been with great anxiety noticing the urgent need of "higher education for women" in the young and struggling Republic of Liberia, West Africa, and have repeatedly mentioned the fact, both privately and publicly, at home and abroad; but now, we are determined to put the same into practical shape, by prayerfully exerting our best efforts to that end, and by earnestly and assiduously laboring for something which will meet this important case.

To accomplish the above object in a systematic and substantial manner, we propose, by the assistance of Almighty God, to found an institution which will meet the present and most pressing demand—not throughout the Republic, at least in part of it.

The facilities for the "higher education of women" have never yet been offered in our Republic, either by State or Church; hence, however highly educated the male portion might be, the female is not, unless from a foreign source. Arguments are not needed to show the necessity of a Female Graded Church School in the Republic of Liberia, for experience teaches that the progress, elevation and Christianization of any people or nation depend principally upon the culture, advancement and Christian training of its females, and the higher these advantages are the better; and, at a glance, does not every one see the benefits that will be derived from said higher training?

1st. To the Church and other Christian work in the Missionary Jurisdiction on the African continent; will not well trained ladies of the African race be supplied as teachers and other assistants for the different schools, and the various other tasks requiring trained hands, educated minds and Christian hearts?

2d. To the State, also, they will be efficient tutors in the public schools.

3d. Will not a healthy church element be thrown into the different Liberian societies throughout the vineyard, influencing the aborigines, both coast and interiorwise, within our extensive domain?

Much more could be stated to show other benefits would be derived from such a Female Graded Church School, but the above is sufficient to convince all fair-minded workers for the elevation and Christianization of Africa's sable daughters.

Any endowments in scholarships, memorial buildings, professorships, &c., &c., are most earnestly solicited for so noble and beneficial a work. Christian ladies, friends, philanthropists and lovers of Christian education, the sable daughters of Africa are imploring with outstretched hands for a *higher church* training, to enable them to discharge successfully *their portion* of the arduous task on the dark continent of Africa.

Donations in money or merchandise will be received by the Rev, Dr. G. H. HOUGHTON, Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, No. 1 East 29th Street, New York City.

PAULUS MOORT,

Rector of Trinity Church, City of Monrovia.

The within appeal, issued by the REV. PAULUS MOORT, for aid in founding a Female Graded Church School in this Missionary Jurisdiction, has my hearty approval; and I commend the object to the consideration of all who would help a good cause.

S. D. FERGUSON,

Bishop of Cape Palmas and Parts Adjacent,

April 4th, 1888.

THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The Seventy-Second Anniversary of the AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY will take place in the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., on Sunday evening, January 13, 1889, at 7.30 o'clock, when the Annual Dis-course will be delivered by the Rev. R. M. Luther, D. D. of Philadelphia.

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the election of officers and the transaction of business, will be held in the Colonization Building, Washington, D. C., on the next succeeding Tuesday, January 15, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Board of Directors will begin their annual session at the same place and on the same day at 12 o'clock M.

RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

During the Month of September, 1888.

CONNECTICUT. (\$20.00.)		RECAPITULATION.	
<i>Middletown.</i> Mrs. Wolcott Hunt-		Donation.....	20 00
ington.....	20 00	For African Repository.....	10 00
KANSAS. (\$7.00.)		Applicant toward passage....	7 00
<i>Wyandotte.</i> Thomas Cole, to-		Rent of Colonization Building....	177 00
ward cost of passage to Liberia.	7 00	Interest for Schools in Liberia....	90 00
FOR REPOSITORY. (\$10.00.)			-----
Delaware.....	10 00	Total Receipts in September	\$299 00

During the Month of October, 1888.

ILLINOIS. (\$20 00)		RECAPITULATION.	
<i>Chicago.</i> Mrs. M. D. Moss, to-		Applicants toward passage....	25 00
ward cost of emigrant passage..	20 00	For African Repository.....	1 00
KANSAS. (5.00.)		Rent of Colonization Building....	53 00
<i>Wyandotte.</i> Joseph Washington,		Interest.....	398 67
toward cost of emigrant passage	5 00		-----
FOR REPOSITORY. (\$1 00.)		Total Receipts in October...	\$477 67
Pennsylvania.....	1 00		

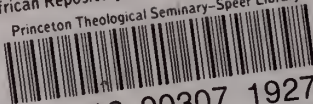
During the Month of November, 1888.

MASSACHUSETTS (\$40.00.)		MISSISSIPPI. (\$4.00)	
<i>Boston.</i> Alex. Stauard, toward cost		<i>Greenville.</i> Rev. A. Walls, toward	
of emigration passage.....	40 00	cost of emigrant passage.....	3 00
NEW YORK. (\$150.00.)		<i>Sturgis.</i> Robertson Lewis, toward	
<i>New York City.</i> Messrs Yates &		cost of emigrant passage.....	1 00
Porterfield, donation.....	100 00	ARKANSAS. (\$1.00.)	
<i>Kingston</i> A family in the First		<i>Haynes.</i> Rev. Ransom Perry, to-	
Reformed Church, donation...	50 00	ward cost of emigrant passage	1 00
PENNSYLVANIA. (\$5.00.)		RECAPITULATION	
<i>Philadelphia.</i> Rev. Alfred L. El-		Donations	156 00
wyn, donation.....	5 00	Applicants toward passage	45 00
VIRGINIA. (\$1.00.)		Rent of Colonization Building....	82 00
<i>Alexandria.</i> Mrs. M. B. Blackford,		Interest.....	140 00
donation.....	1 00		-----
		Total Receipts in November.	\$423 00

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